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I would like to add my voice to the following sentiments written by Jonathan King, another concerned Cambridge citizen, regarding Forest City initiatives.

1. Postponing the Forest City vote to August 6 undermined the City Council's due process. Many dozens of Cambridge residents organized and re-organized their work, family and vacation schedules in order to attend and testify Monday evening. The item was scheduled for many weeks beforehand. This lack of respect for neighborhood residents is deeply disturbing. Putting Forest City's corporate interests ahead of the residents of Cambridge is not acceptable, particularly through such anti-Democratic maneuvers.
2. The 150 expiring use or never built housing units under consideration represent the failure of Forest City to carry out their previous obligations. Certainly the only responsible path is to withdraw, reject, or vote down the current petition, and reconsider only after Forest City has carried out their prior responsibilities.
3. The oversize, out-of-scale biotech building, if built, will last 75-125 years. Certainly the hundreds of neighborhood residents who have repeatedly voiced their opposition in e-mails, letters and testimony, deserve the respect and consideration of a few months delay, until at least the K2C2 process has matured, and the Forest City failure on the housing front can be properly vetted and corrected.

Sincerely,

Joan Abrams